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In the application of:

Philip J. Barr, et al.

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BACTERIA AND YEAST

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Group Art Unit: 1652

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Enclosed is the following Exhibit A:

Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Specification.